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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ELECTORAL GROUP I

1. ELECTORAL GROUP (EG-1) MET AGAIN ON SEPT. 23 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP (DNG)

2. EFFORTS PRODUCED LITTLE MORE THAN RE-HASH OF LAST SESSION, THOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE MOVEMENT TOWARD ACCEPTING PRINCIPLE, PUT FORWARD BY SCANDANAVIANS, THAT GEOGRAPHICAL AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD PLAY A ROLE, AS WELL AS COMMITMENT TO SELECT "PERSON-ALITIES" WHO UNDERSTAND AND ARE WELL KNOWN AT UNESCO, AND WHO ALSO HAVE CONSIDERABLE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING SKILLS.

3. THERE IS STILL RESISTANCE TO IDEA OF A DNG ENLARGED TO INCLUDE PERHAPS 30 MEMBERS, HOWEVER THERE WAS A LITTLE GIVE TOWARD ACCEPTING A 24-MEMBER GROUP WHICH WOULD MAKE ROOM FOR ONE MORE EG-1 CANDIDATE.

4. SO FAR, 7 NAMED CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOLLAND, BELGIUM, USA,
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NORWAY, ITALY, CANADA, AND UK. FRANCE MAY SUBMIT A

CANDIDATE LATER. UK AGREED NOT TO PUT ITSELF FORWARD
IF IT WERE GIVEN CHAIRMAN OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

5. MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED DG-1 CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONS,
WITH BRIEF MENTION OF IMPORTANCE OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND
RAPPORTEUR SLOTS. NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED,
ALTHOUGH FRG'S AMB. PETERSEN PROPOSED THAT EG-1 SHOULD
AIM FOR TOTAL OF 5 VICE PRESIDENT SLOTS, AND 2
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SLOTS.

6. MEMBERS ALSO PROPOSED CANDIDATURES FOR UNISIST,
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL
HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAM, AND MAB, WITH NO FINAL DECISION
BEING TAKEN. FRG, AUSTRIA, UK AND USA SAID THEY WISHED
TO RETAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIPS IN ALL 4 GROUPS, ALTHOUGH
FRG AND BELGIUM INDICATED THEY WOULD YIELD SLOTS IF
NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR GROUP REPRESENTATION.

7. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT GROUP'S
AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN WESTERHOF WOULD CONTACT MEMBERS BEFORE
CALLING ANOTHER EG-1 MEETING, AFTER EXBD CONVENES, TO
SOUND OUT WHERE GIVE AND TAKE IS POSSIBLE REGARDING
CANDIDACIES TO POSITIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, IN
ORDER TO AVOID ANOTHER SESSION WHICH WOULD ARRIVE AT NO
CONCLUSIONS.
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